

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 21 - 30th July 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The end of Week 2, Term 3 already - time really does fly when things are busy!

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 4th August - 7.30pm - School Staffroom

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th August

REMINDER: School will close at 2.00pm this coming Wednesday and Thursday to allow parent/teacher interviews to start promptly at 2.30pm. If this presents a problem for any parents/caregivers, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Alicetown After School Care will operate in the school hall from 2.00pm on these two days. If you require this service please contact Sue Blackett 938 4038 or 021 2126321.

Confirmation of your interview time will be sent home by Monday.

If you cannot make these interviews please contact your child's teacher to arrange another appointment.

Donate a Book

Next week, from Monday 3rd August until Friday 7th August there will be a book display in the school foyer. This is your chance to support our school by buying a book and donating it to our school library.

We really appreciate the support of families in purchasing a book, as our library desperately needs new supplies.

School Photographs - Thursday 6th August - Sports Teams Friday 7th August

Prepaid envelopes for school photographs were sent home last week.

All orders need to be handed in to the school office by **Wednesday 5th August**.

Important: If ordering photos please make cheque out to **Friis School Photos - NOT Hutt Central School**. If paying by cash please put correct money in envelope. **We cannot give change**. Eft Pos not available for school photographs as all orders and money are given directly to Friis Photography.

New Curriculum

You have possibly heard about the new curriculum that is to be adopted throughout New Zealand by the end of 2010. Schools have had the last year or so to familiarise themselves with the changes, and start putting together the necessary plans.

Part of this is the development of our own 'School Curriculum' based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

Hutt Central School staff has been working very hard on the start of this process. We have used our 'School Vision Statement' and aligned 5 Teaching Beliefs that will form the basis of our School Curriculum/Charter.

Copies of what we have done so far are on display in the main foyer.

We will be holding some parent consultation and information days/evenings in the near future to gather your ideas, and inform you about the changes and direction of our curriculum.

Statements

Statements will be sent home next week. If there are any outstanding amounts on your statement could these be paid as soon as possible please.

School Lunches

These are available every Friday. A separate notice has been sent home with this newsletter today.

Feet First

Hutt Central School has been actively involved with promoting walking, cycling, rollerblading and scootering to school over the last year and a half. This year, each week, teachers record how their students get to school. This data is collated at the end of the term and sent through to the Feet First website. We have just won a \$500 sports equipment voucher for entering our data. There is a small write up on their website. Check out the article on: www.feetfirst.govt.nz

Sport News

Flippaball - Our Hutt Central School team won 5 - 3 last night and is in the semi-finals next week.

Les Mills School of Fitness Tip of the Week

Breakfast basics

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and yet too many adults and children leave the house each day with little, or nothing, in their stomachs. Not only does breakfast kick-start our metabolism, it feeds the body and brain and provides the energy and stamina your child needs to pay attention in class, get schoolwork done and participate in physical activities. Children who miss breakfast are often tired, irritable, restless and less focused than their full-bellied classmates. So for breakfast on the run: - If your child really does have to leave the house four minutes after they've rolled out of bed, toss them a cereal bar, a tub of yoghurt, a banana, or a bag of cereal mixed with trail mix. They can eat these on the run and still arrive at school fuelled up.

Remember to visit any of the 3 Les Mills centres using your Tickets to Exercise. You can gift them to family and friends too! A fun, healthy way to raise lots of money for our school!

Petone Rugby Club Food Bank Drive

Wednesday 29th July - Saturday 1st August - there will be a collection bin outside the clubrooms, Udy St Petone. Give generously and help others.

Meet the Vodafone Wellington Lions

Leo the Lion and the Capital City Ford Signing Session

Our first home game is against Otago on Friday 31st July, and all kids go free, so ask your parents to bring you along and show your "ROAR".

On Saturday 1st August, after our first home game, you're invited to meet the whole Vodafone Wellington Lions squad. They'll be at Capital City Ford for a signing session between 12.30pm-2.00pm, so bring along any goodies you would like signed. There will also be plenty of photo opportunities, kids' activities, giveaways, and of course I'll be there too!

The BBQ will be fired up and the players will be cooking up some of their famous Bacon Butties while making fresh cups of Mojo coffee.

Details

What: Meet me and the Vodafone Wellington Lions squad

Where: Capital City Ford, Taranaki St

When: Saturday 1st August, 12.30pm-2.00pm

Don't forget that the first game of the season is at Westpac Stadium, 31st July, against Otago for the Ranfurly Shield. This year all kids' tickets are FREE. To arrange your tickets, ask an adult to call Ticketmaster on 0800 111999.

Fundraising - Quiz Night

Saturday 5th September - 7.30pm in the School Hall. Tickets \$15.00 each.....loads of prizes to be won and a good night out. Mark this in your calendars and start getting a team together now.

Tony Horsfall - **Principal**

